

IN THE CLAIMS

38. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user comprising:

determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user;

requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and

receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38 further comprising:

disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38 further comprising:

validating the amount of compensation received.

41. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein determining the amount of compensation comprises:

determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and

calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

42. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry comprising:

displaying an advertisement as part of an online digital photography

game;

requesting an amount of compensation from an advertiser; and
receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital
photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital
photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with
each game instruction.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42 further comprising:

incorporating products of the advertiser into a series of scavenger
hunt clues as part of the online digital photography game.

44. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to a
cause a device to perform a method for receiving compensation for a server
receiving a digital photography game entry from a user, the method comprising:

determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital
photography game chosen by the user;
requesting the amount of compensation from the user; and
receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital
photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital
photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with
each game instruction.

45. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, the method further
comprising:

disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the
user until the amount of compensation is received.

46. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, the method further
comprising:

validating the amount of compensation received.

47. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 44, wherein determining the amount of compensation comprises:

determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online digital photography game system server; and
calculating the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

48. (New) An apparatus for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry from a user comprising:

means for determining an amount of compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user;

means for requesting the amount of compensation from the user;

and

means for receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

49. (New) The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising:

means for disallowing access to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of compensation is received.

50. (New) The apparatus of claim 48 further comprising:

means for validating the amount of compensation received.

51. (New) The apparatus of claim 48, wherein the means for determining the amount of compensation comprises:

means for determining if the user subscribes to a plan offered by

the online digital photography game system server; and
means for calculating the amount of compensation in accordance
with terms of the plan.

52. (New) A system comprising:
a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and
a system process for receiving compensation for a server receiving a
digital photography game entry from a user, the system process executed by the
processor from the memory to cause the processor to determine an amount of
compensation based on type of digital photography game chosen by the user,
request the amount of compensation from the user, and receive the amount of
compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game
instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of
digital images associated with each game instruction.

53. (New) The system of claim 52, wherein the system process executed by
the processor from the memory further causes the processor to disallow access
to a digital photography game system server by the user until the amount of
compensation is received.

54. (New) The system of claim 52, wherein the system process executed by
the processor from the memory further causes the processor to validate the
amount of compensation received.

55. (New) The system of claim 52, wherein to determine the amount of
compensation comprises:
to determine if the user subscribes to a plan offered by the online
digital photography game system server; and

to calculate the amount of compensation in accordance with terms of the plan.

56. (New) An apparatus for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry comprising:

means for displaying an advertisement as part of an online digital photography game;

means for requesting an amount of compensation from an advertiser; and

means for receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

57. (New) The apparatus of claim 56 further comprising:

means for incorporating products of the advertiser into a series of scavenger hunt clues as part of the online digital photography game.

58. (New) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to a cause a device to perform a method for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry, the method comprising:

displaying an advertisement as part of an online digital photography game;

requesting an amount of compensation from an advertiser; and

receiving the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

59. (New) The machine-readable medium of claim 58, the method further comprising:

incorporating products of the advertiser into a series of scavenger hunt clues as part of the online digital photography game.

60. (New) A system comprising:

a processor coupled to a memory through a bus; and

a system process for receiving compensation for a server receiving a digital photography game entry, the system process executed by the processor from the memory to cause the processor to display an advertisement as part of an online digital photography game, request an amount of compensation from an advertiser, and receive the amount of compensation, wherein the digital photography game comprises a set of game instructions and the digital photography game entry comprises a number of digital images associated with each game instruction.

61. (New) The system of claim 60, wherein the system process executed by the processor from the memory further causes the processor to incorporate products of the advertiser into a series of scavenger hunt clues as part of the online digital photography game.